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BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION ANNOUNCES ADOPTION OF LICENSURE OF DUAL-CREDIT INSTRUCTORS

9/15/2008 - Helena, MT: Friday, September 12, 2008 the Board of Public Education unanimously adopted a significant new avenue for licensure for dual-credit instructors. Under the recommendation students will have greater access to dual-credit courses.

"This is an historic moment. Montana has created a practical means that ensures flexibility and preserves quality," asserted board member Dr. Kirk Miller. Over a two-year period a 25-member task force ironed out solutions to complex dual-credit issues.

Said Steve Meloy, "The Board of Public Education appreciates the statewide attention this issue has drawn, and thanks the collaborative effort among its partners to arrive at this unanimous and national precedent setting rule. I am proud of the work this group has done on the behalf of all Montanans."

Beginning fall semester 2009, all postsecondary instructors of dual-credit courses will be required to hold an active K-12 teaching license. The Montana Office of Public Instruction will provide guidance and technical assistance to postsecondary faculty on the application and approval process for the new "Class 8" K-12 license.

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